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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT : AFIGO-S Support for Manning [redacted]
(Fire Fighters and Dog Handlers)

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REFERENCE: [redacted] dtd 12 April 1963 and
[redacted] dtd 11 April 1963.

1. On 26 April 1963, [redacted] and the under-
signed met with Colonel Geary, Lt. Colonel Honeywell, Colonel
Reif of OSI, Major Gordon Blood of HQUSAF, Personnel, and
Major Reid of MMPD Manning Branch. The purpose of the meeting
was to establish the mechanism whereby Colonel Geary could
man [redacted] with Fire Fighters and Dog Handlers.

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2. A listing of 4 alternative courses of action were
drawn up for Colonel Geary's consideration (attached).

3. Beyond the mechanics of administration, the more basic
but less timely to solve problem of obtaining the manning from
Colonel Geary without a charge to the Agency ceiling was not,
in fact, resolved. Last week, [redacted] acting as
Project Officer on this matter for Colonel Geary, had strongly
suggested that we bring the people on board as details in the
normal fashion. Although Colonel Geary again raised his offer
to man [redacted] with no charge to the Agency, he did agree
that he would take action to obtain the requisite space from
Manpower Control in the Pentagon. I am quite sure, however, that
no action will be taken until the procedure for administering
these personnel is worked out.

4. The 11 Dog Handlers have already been screened for [redacted]
[redacted] and it is recommended that we do not obtain manning space
from Colonel Geary for these individuals because of the
relatively long period involved. Rather, it is recommended that
the Dog Handlers be detailed even though we have not provided
manning spaces in our recent T/O submission. To accomodate these
individuals, the following alternatives come to mind:

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- A. Amend our present T/O paper;
- B. (1) Detail the Dog Handlers on an
overage basis and as soon as Colonel

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Geary comes up with spaces and a mechanism to administer the spaces, transfer 7 or all (10) detailed Fire Fighters to Colonel Geary's control; or

(2) Do not worry about the overage since, by July and August of 1963, all 10 Fire Fighters will be up for rotation out of [] and they or their replacements could, at that time, be transferred to Colonel Geary's control.

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In the interest of efficiency and not to rock the boat, recommend E(2) be followed.

5. Detailing of the Dog Handlers proposes additional problems. [] of Security, OSA, has worked on this manning with Colonel Reif. All work accomplished to date has been on the basis that individuals would be assigned and not detailed. And, in order to accomodate these individuals on a detailed basis, we would have to accomplish the following additional requirements:

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- A. Headquarters medical processing;
- B. Obtain security approval on a detail rather than an assignee basis; and
- C. Polygraph.

It is my feeling that Colonel Reif would not object to this change in procedure although a switch at this late date will cause some inconvenience. The advantages heavily out-weigh the disadvantages. In addition, this would mean that the responsibility for security in all technical ways falls under the control of the Agency. This seems to be a sounder concept on which to operate than one which finds us dividing up the security control even in a technical manner.

6. We shall pursue with AFIGO-S the other matter of establishing space and administrative capability for the Fire Fighters. However, we would propose that a review of the situation is in order for the Fire Fighters. The real question is for the 30 odd manning spaces required at present: is this an exercise which makes sense or is it really one of futility? It may be

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practical to address ourselves to a T/O increase, especially if an amendment will be required to support the Supply Depot. However, if ceiling is sacrosanct, no matter how strongly justified, maybe we should transfer the Supply Depot to USAF on an assignee basis and treat the Fire Fighters in a like manner and also search out other areas where we will look good on paper.

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